Supporting Information

Kinetics and Stereochemistry of Hydrolysis of a N-(Phenylacetyl)-α-Hydroxyglycine Ester Catalyzed by Serine β-Lactamases and DD-Peptidases

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Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of 5.

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- Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectrum of 5 in phosphate buffer: spontaneous reaction products.
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- **Figure S7**. ¹H NMR spectrum of **6** in phosphate buffer.
- **Figure S8**. ¹H NMR spectrum of **5** in phosphate buffer: products from reaction with P99 β -lactamase.





Figure S2. HPLC chromatogram of 5

Reverse phase C18 HPLC chromatogram of **5** (mobile phase 80% phosphate, 20% methanol, pH 7.5). Absorption recorded at 258 nm.



Figure S3. HPLC traces from the reaction of PAL with the products of the reactions of **5** in the presence of the TEM β -lactamase, carried out as described in the main text.

Reverse phase C18 HPLC chromatograms of aliquots taken at suitable times from the reaction mixture (mobile phase 80% phosphate, 10% methanol, pH 7.5, absorption recorded at 258 nm). The various traces show the disappearance of L(S)-5 (9.0 min) by spontaneous hydrolysis and the accompanying appearance of phenylacetamide (6.9 min) (from the PAL reaction) and m-hydroxybenzoate (2.9 min). Also present is D(R)-6 (3.8 min) and m-hydroxybenzoate from the β -lactamase reaction.



Figure S4.

¹H NMR spectrum of **5** (2.4 mM) in phosphate buffer (13 mM), pH 7.5. Small amounts of the spontaneous hydrolysis products are also seen (see spectra below).



Figure S5.

¹H NMR spectrum of **5** (2.4 mM) in phosphate buffer (13 mM), pH 7.5, after its spontaneous hydrolysis to **6** is almost complete. A small peak from a bimolecular side reaction is also seen at δ 6.0.



Figure S6.

A ¹H NMR spectrum of the final solution from the reaction of Figure S5, after addition of authentic samples of glyoxylic acid and phenylacetamide to it.



Figure S7.

 1 H NMR spectrum of authentic **6** in phosphate buffer as above. The compound was stable under these conditions for at least 24 hr.



Figure S8.

¹H NMR spectrum of a solution of **5** in phosphate buffer, as above, 15 min after addition of the P99 β -lactamase (ca. 100 μ g). Both enantiomers of **5** are substrates of this enzyme (see main text).

